

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Previously Presented) An isolated polynucleotide; which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.

4. (Original) A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.

5. (Previously Presented) The host cell of Claim 4, which is a *Corynebacterium*.

6. (Previously Presented) The host cell of Claim 4, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum*, *Corynebacterium melassecola*, *Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes*, and *Brevibacterium flavum*.

7.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A method for making an OxyR transcriptional regulator protein, comprising:

a) culturing the host cell of Claim 4 for a duration of time under conditions suitable for expression of an OxyR-transcriptional regulator protein; and

b) collecting the OxyR transcriptional regulator protein.